



TO: Hospital Advisory Group members and other interested parties
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November 1, 2001 Meeting Summary
25 in attendance

1. Our first topic was the mercury pledge update. We now have eight hospitals in the pledge! The current list was given to all present at the meeting. The list is updated and placed on our web site at www.in.gov/idem/ctap/hospitals. Reid Hospital representatives announced that they have met the requirements of the pledge and are now at the achievement level!
2. We discussed the new manifest summary report that is due March 1 of each year for small quantity generators of hazardous waste. Previously, SQGs did not have to produce such a report, because the eight dollar Indiana manifest fee took care of the recordkeeping requirement.
3. Next, we discussed the update from Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation. They are now allowing communities to collect rechargeable batteries for recycling at no charge to the community. There is an opportunity for hospitals to work with their communities on the recycling of rechargeable batteries. For more information, visit RBRC's web site at www.rbrc.org.
4. We discussed the universal waste guidance document that was published in May 2001. The new universal waste rule prohibits crushing of bulbs. This guidance document is available at www.IN.gov/idem/land/pubsforms/guidance.html - look under U for universal waste guidance.
5. We discussed recycling grants. I had grant packets available for those who are interested in a grant to fund a recycling program. Ken Whisman from Hancock Memorial Hospital discussed his experience with the grant program. Hancock received funding for a corrugated cardboard compactor. There are some paperwork requirements of the grant program, but CTAP is available to help hospitals with the procedures. Call Dave Wintz of CTAP at (800) 988-7901 for more information.
6. Open Forum issues: 1. alternatives to incineration for hospitals; 2. mercury-sniffing dog; 3. thermometer exchanges